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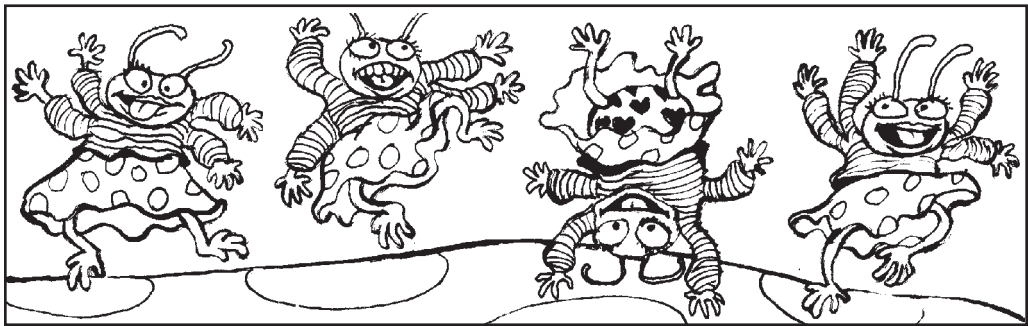
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| ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK |                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| New phonic element         | diphthong /ou/                                                                  |
| Reviewed phonic elements   | diphthong /oi/: variant vowels                                                  |
| Story word                 | people                                                                          |
| New high-frequency word    | after                                                                           |
| Special considerations     | inflectional endings -ed, -s, -y; two-syllable decodable words (inside, yellow) |

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In a land over the sea, there was  
a clown who had lost her smile.  
The clown felt no joy.  
Some days her face had a frown.  
Some days her face had a scowl.  
No one wanted to have a frowning,  
scowling clown around.

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Each day a black cloud seemed  
to hang over the clown.  
"We do not like clowns with frowns,"  
said the people of the town.  
"Clowns with frowns spoil our day.  
If the clown has a frown, our king  
frowns, too.  
And he is such a grouch without  
his smile."



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"Now," shouted the people with  
noisy voices, "let's all look for  
the clown's smile!"

They went from house to house  
looking for the clown's smile.  
They looked all around.  
They looked up and down.  
They scoured the town,  
but no one found the clown's smile.

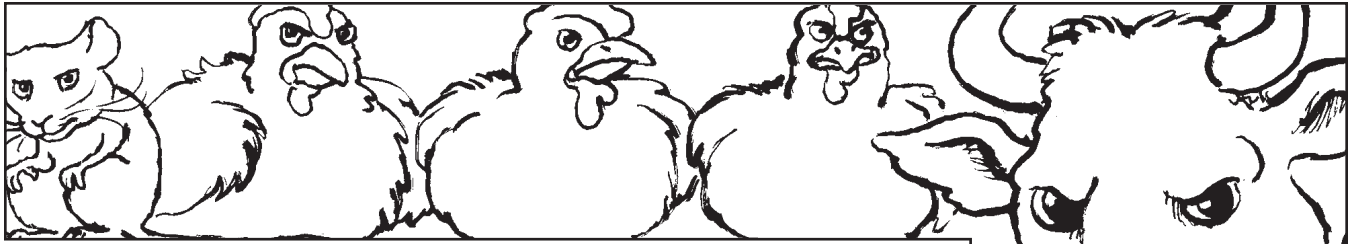


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They asked the brown hound if he had  
seen the clown's smile.  
The hound growled and said no.





They asked the brown mouse if she  
had seen the clown's smile.  
They made a point of asking the cow  
and all the town's fowl if they had  
seen the clown's smile.  
They all scowled and said no.



Hour after hour went by, but no one  
found the clown's smile.  
Then they saw a wise owl.  
The owl said, "You have missed  
the point.  
You are looking in the wrong place.  
The clown's smile will never be found  
on the ground or in the sky.  
The clown's smile must come from  
inside the clown."

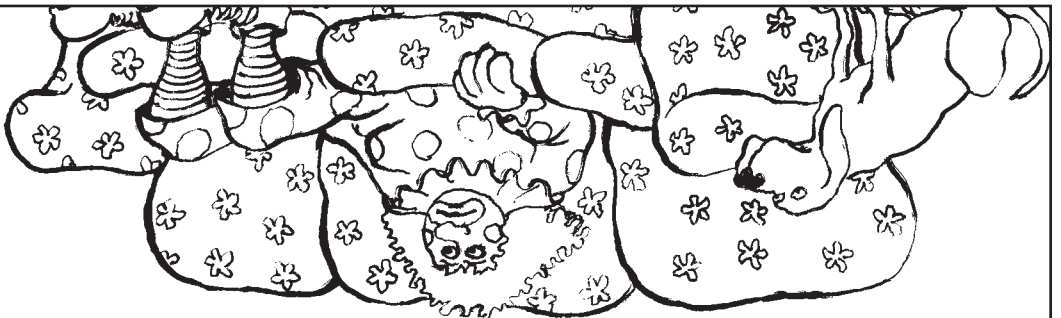


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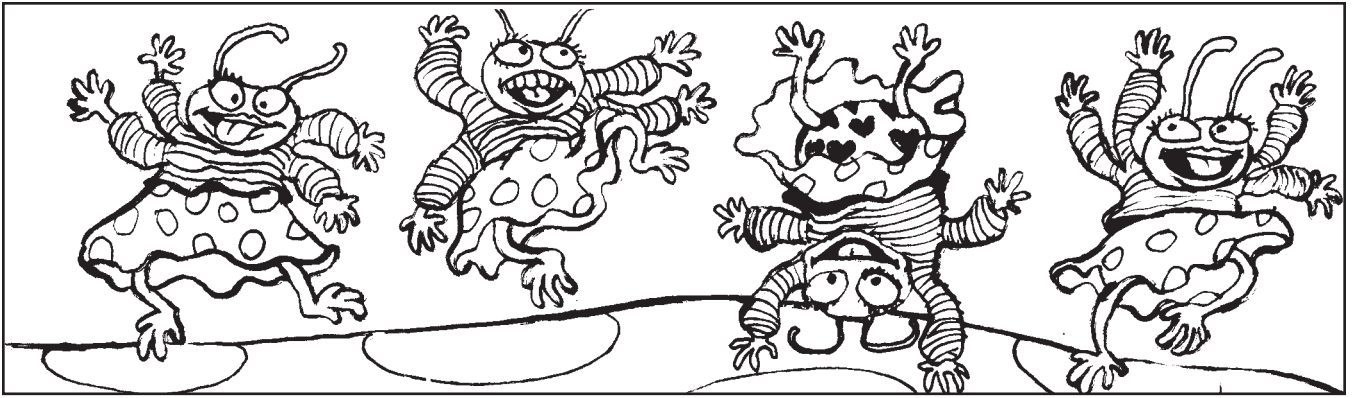


"Yes, we must try to make the clown smile," the people called out.  
 They hired a funny louse.  
 The louse put on a pink and yellow blouse over a green and red gown.  
 The people sat the clown on a couch.

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Then the louse came to try to make  
the clown smile.  
She bounced around in front of  
the couch where the clown sat.  
She growled and howled.  
She jumped up and down.

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The clown had never seen such  
a silly louse.  
After a while the clown smiled.  
Then the king joined in with a  
big smile.  
And that made all the people  
in the town smile, too.

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